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1. DURING MY MEETING WITH THE FONMINISTER ON MAY 14 WE TOUCHED
ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS OF INTEREST REGARDING THE OASGA:

A) CHARTER REFORM. BLANCO SAID HE HAD SPOKEN BY TELEPHONE
TO FACIO THE NIGHT BEFORE. HE SAID THEY BOTH AGREED THAT WHEREAS
A SMALL STUDY GROUP WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN PRINCIPLE THERE WAS NO
CHANCE THAT THIS COULD RECEIVE SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE. THEREFORE,
THEY BOTH FELT THAT THE MINISTERS WOULD HAVE TO DESIGNATE A
FORM OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO DEAL WITH THIS SUBJECT. THIS
COMMITTEE SHOULD, HE SAID, BE COMPOSED OF HIGH-LEVEL
"POLITICAL PERSONAGES". THEY SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN FULL
AUTHORITY TO COMPLETE A DRAFT OF CHARTER REFORM AND THEY SHOULD
NOT, INsofar AS POSSIBLE, BE THE SAME PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN
DEALING WITH THIS UP TO NOW ON THE PERMANENT COUNCIL. SUCH A
GROUP, HE SAID, COULD CREATE FROM WITHIN ITSELF A SMALLER DRAFTING
GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONAGES AS A MEANS OF FACILITATING ITS WORK.
HE SAID THAT URUGUAY WOULD BE HAPPY TO OFFER MONTEVIDEO AS A
SITE FOR ITS DELIBERATIONS. IN COMMENTING ON HIS BELIEF THAT A
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SMALL STUDY GROUP, NO MATTER HOW APPEALING IN PRINCIPLE, WOULD

NOT BE SUPPORTED HE SAID THAT PRESIDENT BORDABERRY'S REACTION WAS PROBABLY TYPICAL: HE LIKED THE IDEA, BUT THOUGHT HE WOULD NOT IF URUGUAY WAS NOT LISTED AMONG THE MEMBERS. HE THOUGHT, AS WELL, THAT OTHERS WOULD FEEL THE SAME. BLANCO NOTED THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL TO HOLD A SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN LIMA IN NOVEMBER. HE SAID URUGUAY HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS BUT WOULD RATER NOT FIX A FIRM DATE FOR IT.

B) AGENDA. WHEN I MENTIONED THE POSSIBLE SHORT AGENDA MENTIONED IN STATE 072139, BLANCO SAID HE AGREED THAT THESE WERE REASONABLE AND IMPORTANT. HE ALSO THOUGHT URUGUAY MIGHT PROPOSE AN ADDITIONAL ITEM CONCERNING ACTION TAKEN ON SPECIFIC ECONOMIC PROPOSALS RAISED AT PREVIOUS GENERAL ASSEMBLIES, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE "MIDDLE-INCOME" DEVELOPING NATIONS.

C) CONFERENCE PROCEDURE. BLANCO REMAINS THOROUGHLY COMMITTED TO THE IDEA OF INFORMALITY OF APPROACH WITHOUT SET, FORMAL PRESENTATIONS. IN THIS, I BELIEVE, HE FULLY SHARES OUR VIEW. SIRACUSA

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